

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am a senior citizen about to retire. I did not graduate from college until I was 60 years old due to having a huge amount of financial responsibilities. I will be on a limited budget in another year. I cannot believe that you intend to discriminate so unfairly against the less capable. Is it because you are influenced favorably, both monetarily and otherwise by big business? I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable. Or if affordable, do I cut on the grocery or medical bills while you are "stroking" big business. Social security would not be such a problem in the United States if there was consideration for seniors in a multitude of other areas.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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